

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of viewing multi-media content on a television having a display area, comprising:

providing a remote control to control images being displayed on the display area;

displaying a first image of a first type on the display area, the first image substantially filling the display area and having a first length and a first width, the first image having a first length-to-width ratio;

initiating a first instruction on the remote control to modify the first image being displayed on the display area;

displaying on the display area a reduced version of the first image overlaid on a second image of a second type in response to the first instruction, the reduced image of the first image having a second length and a second width and having a second length-to-width ratio, the first and second values of the length-to-width ratio being substantially the same; and

progressively reducing the length and width of the first image while preserving its length-to-width ratio in response to a plurality of subsequent initiations of the first instruction by the remote control until removing the first image from the display area after the size of the first image is less than a particular threshold ~~a first set number of initiations.~~

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

filling the display area with the second image of the second type in response to a second instruction initiated with the remote control; and

displaying on the display area a reduced image of the second image overlaid on the first image in response to a third instruction initiated with the remote control.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the first image of the first type is a video image, and the second image of the second type is a browser image.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the first image of the first type is a browser image, and the second image of the second type is a video image.

5. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the remote control has a single button to input the instructions.

6. (currently amended) A method of viewing multi-media content on a television having a display area, comprising:

providing a remote control having an input mechanism;

displaying a first image of a first type on the display area, the first image having a first size and being overlaid over a portion of a second image of a second type;

initiating a first instruction with the input mechanism;

enlarging the first image with the first size to a second size in response to the first instruction, so that the first image overlays a larger portion of the second image; and

progressively enlarging the size of the first image while preserving its length-to-width ratio in response to subsequent initiations of the first instruction with the input mechanism until only the first image remains on the screen in response to the first image becoming as large as the second image after a first set number of initiations.

7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the input mechanism of the remote control is a single button.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the input mechanism of the remote control has a first button and a second button, where the first button progressively decreases the size of the first image being displayed on the display area, and the second button progressively increases the size of the first image being displayed on the display area.

10. (currently amended) A method of viewing multi-media content on a television having a display area, comprising:

providing a remote control having an input mechanism;

displaying a first image of a first type on the display area, the first image having a first size and being overlaid on a second image of a second type, so that the second image is not visible to a user viewing the display area, the first image with the first size having a first length-to-width ratio, wherein a size of the first image of the first type is defined by a variable b with an initial value b_1 ;

Initiating a first instruction with the input mechanism;

decreasing the value of b from b_1 to b_2 in response to the first instruction; and

reducing the first image with the first size to a second size in response to the decrease in the value of b , so that the second image is partially displayed on the display area, the first image with the second size having a second length-to-width ratio that is the same as the first length-to-width ratio;

reinitiating the first instruction with the input mechanism;

decreasing the value of b from b_2 to b_3 in response to the first instruction;

reducing the first image with the second size to a third size in response to the decrease in the value of b , so that the second image is partially displayed on the display area, the first image with the third size having a third length-to-width ratio that is the same as the first and second length-to-width ratios; and

removing the first image in response to the value of b being reduced substantially to zero a first set number of initiations of the first instruction.

11. (canceled).
12. (canceled).
13. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the input mechanism of the remote control is a single button.
14. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the input mechanism of the remote control has a first button and a second button, where the first button progressively decreases the value of b each time the first button is pressed, and the second button progressively increases the value of b each time the second button is pressed.
15. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is 4:3.
16. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is 16:9.
17. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is 4:3.

18. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is 16:9.
19. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is 4:3.
20. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is 16:9.
21. (canceled).
22. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
restoring the first image to substantially fill the display area in a closed-loop display cycle ~~after a second set number of initiations of~~ in response to initiating the first instruction by the remote control after the first image has been removed.
23. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
progressively enlarging the length and width of the first image while preserving its length-to-width ratio in a closed-loop display cycle ~~after a second set number of initiations of~~ in response to initiating the first instruction by the remote control after the first image has been removed.
24. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

removing the first image from the display area after a second set number of initiations of the first instruction by the input mechanism.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

restoring the first image to its original size in a closed-loop display cycle after a second set number of initiations of the first instruction by the input mechanism.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

progressively reducing the length and width of the first image while preserving its length-to-width ratio in a closed-loop display cycle by the input mechanism until removing the first image after a second set number of initiations of the first instruction.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

progressively reducing the size of the first image while preserving its length-to-width ratio in response to repeated initiations of the first instruction by the input mechanism.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

restoring the first image to substantially fill the display area in a closed-loop display cycle after at least one additional initiation of the first instruction by the input mechanism.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

progressively enlarging the length and width of the first image while preserving its length-to-width ratio in a closed-loop display cycle after an additional number of initiations of the first instruction by the input mechanism.

30. (previously presented) A remote control for an interactive television system comprising:

a first button for initiating the display of a full-screen browser image in a user interface for the interactive television system;

a second button for initiating the display of a reduced-size television image over a portion of a full-screen browser image in the user-interface;

a third button for initiating the display of a reduced-size browser image over a portion of a full-screen television image in the user interface; and

a fourth button for initiating the display of a full-screen television image in the user interface.

31. (currently amended) A system comprising:
- a client terminal; and
 - a remote control device for the client terminal, the remote control device comprising a single mode button for changing the relative sizes of a browser image and a television image displayed in a user interface of the client terminal and for cycling between a plurality of picture-in-picture ("PIP") display modes in the a user interface for the client terminal, the PIP display modes comprising:
 - a full-screen browser image;
 - a reduced-size television image over a portion of a full-screen browser image;
 - a reduced-size browser image over a portion of a full-screen television image; and
 - a full-screen television image.
32. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of subsequent initiations of the first instruction are in response to holding down a button on the remote control.
33. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein each progressively-reduced image is flush with a particular corner of the display area.

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